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The Mooring Mast

Pacific Lutheran College

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MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS TO JOURNEY NORTH

Sunday, March 26, Dr. Eastvold, the PLC orchestra under the direction of Prof. Malmin, the men's quartet and soloist Marian Soltman, will journey to Seattle to participate in a congregational rally day.

Dr. Eastvold will be guest pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church for morning services. Marian Soltman will be soloist.

At the regular morning services of Phinney Ridge Church where the Rev. R. Ofstedal is pastor, Dr. Bergsaker from Minneapolis will be guest speaker. The quartet will provide the music.

Dr. Eastvold will be speaker for the afternoon session beginning at 2:30. The program will include vocal solos by Marian Soltman, and numbers by the orchestra and the men's quartet.

The vesper services at 5 o'clock, which is to be broadcast, will include Dr. Eastvold, Marian Soltman, the men's quartet, and the orchestra.

In the evening, the orchestra and the quartet will take part in the Golden Jubilee Rally to be held at First Norwegian Lutheran Church, where the Rev. Gabrielson is pastor.

Annual Benefit Show Brings Profit to Saga

"One reason I like this job is that I can create an atmosphere of suspense," explained Dean of Men Walter Schnackenberg as he prepared to announce the results of the royalty contest at the annual Saga carnival, Friday, March 17. The crown wearers proved to be Amy Jean Munz, freshman in the College of Liberal Arts, and John Baglien, junior in the College of Liberal Arts and editor of the M. M.

Profit from the Saga show, which will go to aid the publication of the '44 Saga edition, was approximately $135.

Herbert Nienstedt, general chairman of the funfest, acted as master of ceremonies during the program. Preceding the coronation, three songs were sung by the Parkland Junior High School Nonette. Following the crowning, Betty Bates gave a reading, the PLC High School boys, under the direction of Mildred Brodland and Betty Christenson, depicted a typical "Night in the Girls' Dorm"; Janice Raymond and Dorothy Playford, students of Lincoln High School, sang "Friendship," complete with costume and gestures; and the Girls' Trio, Francelle Schoch, Miriam Hopp, and Agnes Roleder, sang three numbers. Featured number of the program was a PLC version of the radio program, "Truth or Consequences." Ruth Jensen brought the entertainment to a close with a piano solo rendition of "Holiday for Strings."

Ten amusement booths completed the roster of attractions. Particularly well patronized was the Dorm Girls' Norwegian Coffee Shop (Kaffe Stuen) in the basement of the gym.

PLC Head Visits Idaho

Dr. S. C. Eastvold, president of Pacific Lutheran College, traveled to Idaho to speak at the Spiritual Emphasis meetings which were held in Genesee and Moscow from March 12 to 19. Sunday evening, March 19, he spoke at the Golden Jubilee Campaign Rally at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spokane, where the Rev. M. O. Ensberg is pastor.

Bowling Party Slated

Complying with many students' requests, the ASB has arranged for a big P.L.C. bowling party.

"Don't stay home because you don't know how to bowl," says Johnny Larsgaard, chairman of the party. "Come out and learn. You'll have a swell time knocking those pins around."

So don't forget! Saturday, April 1, at 8:00 is the time, and the Highland Bowling Alley is the place!

Last Phase of Jubilee Campaign Begins Sunday

The final phase of PLC's Golden Jubilee Campaign opened Sunday, March 19, when the first in a series of rallies was held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Spokane. At these rallies, which will be held in many congregations on the Pacific Coast, the place of Pacific Lutheran College in the work of the Lutheran Church will be set forth.

The Rev. H. L. Foss and Dr. S. C. Eastvold were appointed by the Board of Trustees of PLC to be the directors of this phase of the campaign. Dr. A. J. Bergsaker, secretary of the NLCA, is the Associate Director.

The chief objective of the Golden Jubilee Campaign is the ingathering of funds for Pacific Lutheran College. The goal has been set for $300,000, to be reached by October 14, 1944.

Coming Events

Saturday, March 25—Movie: "Wells Fargo," College Library, 7:45 p. m.

March 29-31—Mid Term Examinations.

Saturday, April 1—A. S. B. Bowling Party.

Thursday, April 6, 3:40 p. m.-Monday, April 10, 8 a. m.—Easter Recess.

Wednesday, April 5—Salzedo Ensemble, Student Lyceum Series, 8 p. m.

Wednesday, April 12—Alamada Biery Jones, Violin Concert.

In Chapel Concert

ALMADA BIERY JONES

Christian Emphasis Week Is Planned

As guest speaker in the third week of the "Religious Empasis" series, at Pacific Lutheran College, the Rev. Clarence Johnson of Hope Lutheran Church, South Tacoma, will conduct Chapel services, lead evening sessions dealing with youth problems, and hold afternoon office hours for consultation during the week beginning April 17.

Dr. Eastvold began this series of Chapel talks the week February 28-March 3, on the question of Pilate to the multitude at Jesus' trial—"What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?" Matt: 27:22.

Dr. Pflueger continued last week with Christ's message to the two men on the Emmaus road: "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24:25.

ASB TO SPONSOR VIOLIN CONCERT WED. APRIL 12

Almada Biery Jones, nationally known violinist who has won high recognition from critics and audiences alike, will present a Lecture Recital sponsored by the Associated Students in the College Chapel at 8:15 Wednesday evening, April 12. As she presents her program she will explain the selections she is to play, thus making possible a better understanding and appreciation of the compositions.

Almada Biery Jones was born in the Pacific Northwest, and gave her first performance on the concert stage at the age of eight. During her last three years of grade school she was assistant concert master of the Columbia (B.C.) Musical Society Orchestra and during her University of Washington years she played many professional engagements in various parts of the state. Later she continued her studies with the great violin master, Leon Sametini, of Chicago, winning a scholarship and an appearance with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Miss Jones has the good fortune to own a fine old violin made by Tecchler (a contemporary of Stradivarius), in Rome in 1725.

Joan Satern and Eunice Torvend have been selected by the student board of control as co-chairmen to handle publicity and ticket sales.

Admission prices are: Adults $1, students 65 cents.

Red Cross Drive to End

Anita Stuen, chairman of the Red Cross drive at PLC, reports that contributions for the wartime appeal are coming in slowly. The deadline for student contributions has been set for tomorrow. So if you haven't contributed, don't put it off any longer. The fellows over there need the things your money will buy, and hundreds of families here at home will be cheered by the messages your dollars help to bring.

Some Like it Hot; Some Like it Cold

Between the windy barrenness of the Aleutian tundra and the tropical luxuriance of South Sea's BoraBora is a wide stretch of the earth's space, and about every possible living condition known to man.

Last week the Mooring Mast received letters from former students now serving Uncle Sam in both places—Charles Richter in the Aleutians and Roy Stevens in BoraBora. Charles was a M. M. reporter in '39 and '40 and Roy was the red-headed freshman who sang in the choir and the boys' quartet, and belonged to every musical organization on the Campus except the girls' sextette back in 1940. Both were receiving—gratefully—the Mooring Mast, and both described the conditions in which they lived.

Charles is now one of the editors of the "Last Outpost," the service men's mimeographed newspaper in the Aleutians. He writes in part:

"I am on one of the many Aleutian Islands, from which we can see both the Pacific and the Bering Sea. We have no trees here. The only kind of vegetation on this island is the tundragrass that flourishes where nothing else would grow. However, on a clear day the landscape is really beautiful. (Yes, we do have a clear day—at least once a year up here.)

"It seems as if it were either snowing or raining most of the time and the wind blows incessantly. These winds, or williwaws as they are called in the Aleutians, are something that shouldn't even happen to a dog. We all are wondering whether we shall be leaning backward or forward when we return to the 'old country' again.

"Thanks again for the Mooring Masts. Please say 'hello' to the faculty and student body for me."

There remains a nostalgic undercurrent to Roy's lavish description of the beautiful South Sea Isle:

"I write from the beautiful little South Sea Isle of BoraBora, one of the Society group located about 120 miles northwest of Tahiti. A mem. has just come out which authorizes the use of the name of the place in personal correspondence.

"Except for a single channel, the entire island is surrounded by an atoll, or 'motu,'

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INTERNED PLC ALUMNA ARRIVES ON GRIPSHOLM

A former PLC student, Miss Sophie Peterson, '28, was aboard the Gripsholm when it docked at Jersey City Wednesday, March 16, carrying 524 Americans repatriated from France and Germany.

Miss Peterson went to Norway in June, 1939, to visit relatives and decided to stay and enjoy a Norwegian winter; then the war came and further prolonged her sojourn.

One evening in October of 1942, while celebrating her uncle's birthday in Southern Norway, she was taken prisoner by German soldiers and later transported to the Liebeneau Concentration Camp near Switzerland. While there she was an instructor in English and in return received lessons in German and other languages. According to her letters, she was well treated.

Prior to her European adventures, Miss Peterson was a primary teacher at the Burlington Grade School.

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From Behind The Desk

At a time when thousands of top-notch journalists are writing colorful editorials on war-time and post war planning, your scribe has the nerve to expound a few of his own ideas on government. However, the nature of the forthcoming dissertation will be slightly different from the usual line because it centers about a peculiar group of people known as STUDENTS.

Whenever a group of students come together at their favorite college or university they immediately organize themselves into a governing student body. The type of organization varies from loose, informal associations to compactly centralized federations. But the power and strength of the organization depends more upon the character of its personnel than upon the physical structure of its framework.

Like the ordinary college, PLC has an associated student body, and, typical of small institutions, this body is informal and casual. To Average Lute, the A.S.B. is more or less another name . . . something on which to attach the blame for activity failures. If it sponsors an election or throws a party, Average Lute doesn't stop to ask questions . . . he participates or doesn't. Does he take time out to stop to THINK why he doesn't like it? Does he find a tangible reason for his lack of interest? I'm asking you.

IS THIS THE ANSWER?

When student body prexy calls for discussion on matters that are debatable, few among us offer an opinion or ask a question . . . not even for clarification of motions that pass almost unanimously. This happens not only once but many times. Either Average Lute is too ignorant to discuss the matter at issue, or he doesn't care to show off his speaking prowess. If activities can be run by spontaneous, corny methods, then Average Lute has saved himself the trouble of intelligent discussion.

Because we students hate to expend a little brain energy, we are content to manufacture corn instead of ideas, and settle down complacently in a listening capacity. Why interest ourselves in the practical application of student government? We don't even realize what real student government is, because we have never THOUGHT of what it should be.

Some have a hazy idea that student government lies in the constitution and the physical structure of the organization. This, it is true, gives machinery with which to work—but the students are the laborers, skilled or unskilled, who must operate it. Without the worker the machinery is dead, and without skilled effort the machinery is ineffective.

NEGLECT IN GOVERNMENT

The carelessness and neglect of intelligent understanding in matters of self-government has not seeped into PLC alone, but is present in most American colleges, and, yes in our very national government. We know that a large percentage of our population disfranchises itself through indifference in every election. Inexcusable stupidity, you say. But when we students at PLC, who are supposed to be in the upper brackets, educationally speaking, fail to make student government function properly, what hope can we have for better operation of democracy in the larger arena?

Perhaps we need better machinery. Our A.S.B. constitution is a mess, student jurisdiction over campus activities and financial program is not defined, adequate records are not kept, and the minutes of the student board of control are not accessible to Average Lute. But these are structural faults, easily remedied if attacked by a thoughtful, adult-minded student body.

POST WAR THOUGHT

And we are entering a more adult phase as a college group. We have become an accredited four-year institution, and next year, the junior partner of our firm will pass into history.

Soon our soldiers and sailors will return from the scenes of battle to the classrooms, and they will return as grown men with adult minds. Our attitudes together with our general student body setup will have to be advanced to accommodate grown-up thinking.

It is up to us now to shake off the kindergarten hangover, relegate "corn" to its proper bin, and get ready to function in the kind of an organization that our service men and women will respect and feel at home in when they join our ranks again.

With the Lutes in Service

Most recent move of **Eldon Kylo** Ex. '43 is to Ellington Field, Texas. Address: A/C Oryille E. Kyllo, 1914708, 5N-E-2, Ellington Field, Texas.

Harvey Tollfeldt Ex. '42 is an air cadet stationed in Garden City, Kansas: Address: Av/c Harvey M. Tollfeldt, ASN 19095460, AAF Pilot School (Basic), GCAAF, Garden City, Kansas.

After his recent furlough, **Chuck Snelson** Ex. '43 is stationed at another Texas airfield. Address: Cpl. Charles L. Snelson, 39208008, Ft. B Sec. 3 CCD, AAF, Pyote, Texas.

Lewis Skyhawk Ex. '38 who was at Pearl Harbor on the fateful December 7, is now stationed in California. Address: Lewis D. Skyhawk, Jr., C.P.H.M. (AA) USN, Floating Dry Dock Training Center, Tiburon, Calif.

Torger Lee '40 is now a flight instructor on B-17's at Hobbs, New Mexico. Address: Lt. Torger J. Lee, Group II H.A.A.F., Hobbs, New Mexico.

Burt Thorpe '42 has been transferred from Florida to Virginia. Address: Ensign Burt Thorpe, LSM - GR 217, ATB, Little Creek, Virginia.

Carol Matteson Ex. '41 is a private first class in the U. S. Marines. Address: Pfc. William C. Matteson 325229, 1 Co. 3rd Bn. 2nd Ma. Div., Fleet P. O., San Francisco, California.

Stanley Lee Ex. '39 is with the U. S. Army. Address: 1/Sgt. Stanley Lee 19075270, 18th A.A.C.S., APO 528, C/o P.M., New York, N. Y.

Orv Dahl Ex. '43 is now stationed at Asburg Park, New Jersey awaiting transfer to midshipmen's school. Address: Orwall F. Dahl, A. S., U.S.N.R., Billet B-226-3 Section 405, Pre-Midshipmen's School, Asburg Park, New Jersey.

We have a new address for **Olai Hageness** '31 since he has been transferred to Seattle. Lt. (jg.) Olai T. Hageness, U.S.N.R., Naval Training Office, 1301 2nd Ave., Seattle, Wash.

Glen Isaksen Ex. '41 is a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. Address: Lt. Glen H. Isaksen, Pilot Training Grp. 2, Williams Field, Ariz.

Warner Quale '30 is also in the Army Air Corps. Address: Pvt. Warner R. Quale, 1005 11th St., Bismark, No. Dak.

Since leaving P.L.C. for the Army Air Corps **Marvy Loftness** Ex. '42 has attended five radio schools at Chicago, Madison, St. Louis, Orlando, Florida, and Newark, New Jersey. He is now located in Madison, Wisconsin. Address: Sgt. Marv Loftness 19094771, 2040 Rusk St., Madison, Wis.

George Olson Ex. '42 is serving with a Coast Guard Detachment. Address: George O. Olson S 1/c, Coast Guard Detachment, Navy 714, Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

Morris Splettstaszer Ex. 41 is serving with the U. S. Navy. Address: Morris A. Splettstaszer, Ph. 2/c - U.S.N.R., Hq. Co. 2nd Spl. Inf. Bn., 2nd Marine Div. F.M.F., Plee Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Roy McKinley Ex. '43 has been visiting in Parkland the past week on furlough. He returned Tuesday to Arizona, from where he will go to New Jersey.

Delmar J. Knudtson has been transferred from Georgia to Florida. His new address: Delmar J. Knudtson, 39203092, 409th T. G. Flight X—214, A. A. F. T. C. No. 1 BTC No. 4, Miami Beach, Florida.

Sterling Harshman, '43, Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve, is on duty at sea. His address: Ensign Sterling R. Harshman, U. S. N. R., U. S. S. New Orleans, c/o Fleet P. M., San Francisco, Calif.

Erwin Knutzen, ex '36, returned home from North Africa on Christmas Eve. He is now stationed in Rhode Island. Address: Erwin E. Knutzen, C. M. 3/c, 54 N.C.B., Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island.

Bob Svare, ex '42, is now serving in the Marine Air Corps. Address: Lt. (j. g.) Robert Orlando Svare, V M F 114, Mag. 2 B., c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Wesley Williams, ex '40, is serving in the U. S. Navy. Address: Lt. Wesley U. Williams, U. S. S. Hopewell (D. D. 681), c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Walter R. Simonson, 333rd Ftr. Sq. 318 Ftr. Gp., APO 951, San Francisco, Calif. Walt was associate editor of the M.M. in 1940.

Marty North, '42, former PLC basketball star, now a Chief Specialist in the U. S. Navy, was another visitor last month. Marty is stationed at Farragut, Idaho. Address: Martin E. North, Bldg. 75, Apart. C, Farragut Village, Farragut, Idaho.

Chapel Quotes

Catherine Morrow, chapel speaker Monday, March 6, sketched the life of a man of God in lines of famous poems.

The awful thing about sin is not only that it is sin, but that it blinds the sinner to its guilt, and its terribleness, and its stench.

The moral law of the world is just as unescapable as the law of gravity.

—Dr. J. P. Pflueger.

Blindness will defeat us, but sight will save us.—Dr. H. G. Ronning.

Today the Choir of the West presented the first of a series of three chapel programs to be given in as many weeks. In this way, the choir has an opportunity to go over its program for the tour, scheduled tentatively for late April.

The choir may still be heard over the radio every second Friday at 10:45.

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Talking It Over

WITH JOHN BAGLIEN

Finishing another successful season for PLC's sport teams, the 1943-44 edition of the Lute casaba squad shattered all foregone conclusions that sports at PLC were out for the duration. It took a six-game winning streak to show the fans that we had a team well qualified to represent the spirit of the Gladiator sport program.

But the start of this season's scrappy little team didn't come in the regular fashion. Coach Olson didn't call a meeting and arrange regular practices after school; war work schedule gave him one night a week for a P. E. class . . . and what a handful of dismal-looking kids turned out. Sure, some of them had played basketball . . . high school and grade school. But, after a few practices they began a season of play against a rugged field of service teams and climaxed it with two wins over our cross-town rival, C.P.S.

In the few practices that the squad had, Olson gave the boys fundamentals and pounded in "horse sense." In the initial tilt the squad's greeness showed up many times but they didn't flop, and the scoreboard at the close indicated a respectable 36-47 defeat. The Lutes learned more basketball by the direct method in two more defeats. But the spirit was growing . . . the old idea of teamwork was being learned. Then a win followed by a lose and a six game winning streak gave the Gladiators a neat 7 out of 11 wins . . . a witness of the strong, never-dying sporting spirit at PLC.

Score box: PLC 36, 43rd Airbase Sq. (McChord Field) 47; PLC 19, 863rd Guard Sq. (McChord Field) 37; PLC 24, Tacoma Coast Guard 29; PLC 45, American Lake Hosp. Guards 35; PLC 41, Trinity Lutheran 52; PLC 49, Fighting 69th (McChord Field) 40; PLC 46, Salishan 26; PLC 46, Fighting 69th (McChord Field) 34; PLC 47, Tacoma Coast Guard 30; PLC 43, CPS 33; PLC 37, CPS 34. Totals: PLC 433, Opponents 397.

CANDID GLIMPSE OF PLAYERS

Les Storaasli, 18 year old high school senior, 6 foot 5 inch center, showed the makings of real college stuff. Mainstay and leading scorer of the squad with 122 points in 10 games.

Gerry Enge, 17 year old high school senior, forward and guard, transfer from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, displayed smooth floor game and deadly two-handed shots, scored 83 points in 11 games.

Carl Fynboe, 17 year old high school senior, guard, specialized on one-handed break-in shots from about 15 feet out, mainstay at one of the guard spots, scored 66 points in 11 games.

Carl Bachner, chunky little forward, 17 year old high school senior, shot accurately on long side shots. Scored 65 points in 10 games.

Erling "Scooter" Nordeng, 17 year old freshman in college, upheld the prestige of the college department with his peppy playing and long swisher shots, tallied 56 points in 8 games.

Only other college player on the squad was **John Baglien,** guard, who scored 20 points in 10 games, "old man" of the team at 19 years of age.

Other members of the squad who showed ability included **Ivar Pihl, Larry Hauge, Sargeant Webster, Al Bohn,** and **Stan Gilge.**

To Coach Olson goes the orchids for the successful war-time Lute basketball season. The great strategist can add another winning team to his long list that registers some mighty big stars of the maple courts.

Kampus Komments

The latest addition to the dorm girls' animal collection is a pair of frogs which Pat Thomas is harboring in her room. Anita Norman and Marilyn Canale remember vividly the "kitten" collection of last semester. How are the ringworms, Marilyn?

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The dorm boys are thinking seriously of starting a campaign to collect enough money to replace "ye old kicking post." Chuck Billingsly has generously offered his services for the wood cutting task.

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The legislature was in session—in Civics class at PLC. Two "important" bills were put before the house: the first argued for the preservation of skunks to preserve the species from extinction, and the second levied a heavy tax on bachelors over 25 unless they could prove marital intentions. The bills were presented by Rep. Lois Dragoo from Skookum Valley, and Rep. Vivien Wenham from Pigeon Creek and June Gardner of Scotchbroom Prairie.

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Alton Bohn's impersonation and masquerade as a popular coed the other day was so convincing that one boy fled in embarrassment at "her" friendly advances. But the predicament came when the boys locked his room and he couldn't exchange his skirt for a pair of trousers. Finally "Muscles" Kuhn came to the heroine's rescue and supplied "her" with extra jeans.

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Scene in dining room last week: Waiter John Larsgaard approached with a plate of toast. Just as he was about to put the delectable slices before a table of hungry coeds, he suddenly exclaimed: "Oh, you don't belong to me." Cassie Morrow promptly replied, "I should hope not."

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Ex. Board Member Passes

Herman E. Anderson, 82, prominent Tacoma Lutheran layman and long-time friend of Pacific Lutheran College, passed away suddenly Wednesday, March 9 at Palm Springs, California, where he and Mrs. Anderson were spending the winter.

Mr. Anderson was a member of the college board of trustees from 1923 to 1934 and was the college treasurer from 1925 to 1934. He was a member of the building committee for the college president's residence and an adviser to the committee which supervised the construction of the new college library. Mr. Anderson was also active in connection with the endowment fund and a member of the Endowment Investment Committee and the Endowment Management Committee. His two sons are graduates of the college.

Club Notes

CAMPUS DEVOTIONS

Mrs. Enge, assistant dean of women, Dorothy Blandau, and Borghild Frivold have been recent speakers at Campus Devotions. At the last meeting Marian Soltman, accompanied by Ruth Jensen, brought a message in song.

L. D. R.

Mrs. H. G. Ronning, Mrs. J. P. Pflueger, and Mrs. W. Young were hostesses for the L. D. R. at the Ronning home Wednesday, March 15. Speaker for the afternoon was Miss Grace Blomquist, whose topic was "Am I my brother's keeper?" Dorothea Ofstedal played a piano solo, "The Butterfly" by Grieg.

FIRESIDE

Miss Dorothy Nieman was the speaker at Fireside, Sunday evening, March 19. Ted Reitz led devotions.

PLC Dorm Auxiliary No. 1 Feted at Weiss Home

The women of PLC Dormitory Auxiliary No. 1 entertained their husbands at the Karl Weiss home Sunday evening, March 19, with more than fifty in attendance.

The musical program consisted of a talk on the philosophy of music by Mr. Weiss, and a group of two-piano duets with Mr. and Mrs. Weiss at the pianos.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Weiss were Mrs. R. Engvoll, Mrs. Geo. Kittel, Mrs. O. L. Jensen, Mrs. A. W. Ramstad, Mrs. N. N. Hageness, and Mrs. Morris E. Ford.

Dormitory Auxiliary No. 1 is composed of the wives of the faculty, district ministers, and board members, and women faculty members.

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NATIVE LIFE AND TROPICAL SPLENDOR

and the enclosed lagoons are calm and beautiful—perfect for sailing, fishing and—go ahead, use your imagination. The water is literally teeming with fish of every shape, color and size. Some of them look like railroad warning signs, some are marked like zebras, some have what look like radio antennas protruding from their heads; others have long, silky streamers trailing behind them—and all of them are the brightest of colors imaginable.

"Now for the natives—they're Polynesian of course, and quite light complexioned. The men are big, muscular and handsome, and the women, at least some of them, are quite nice looking. They're very friendly and hospitable people, get a kick out of everything and don't believe in any form of exertion. They live in very neat looking houses framed with coconut logs, with walls of thatched, split bamboo. They do their cooking outdoors under one open shelter and eat under another. Most of them are very clean—the family that live next-door to the hut I live in I know takes a bath at least once a day, and they never enter their hut without first washing their feet at the step. But they won't think of letting any of US take off our shoes before coming in. I'm not so sure that it's purely a gesture or hospitality; they possibly prefer the dirt.

THEY HAVE LIFE'S NECESSITIES

"As for clothing, it's superfluous. When we first came most of them wore sarongs, and a lot of the older folk still do when around home. But now the girls wear dresses—and even shoes sometimes—and the boys wear army and navy clothing almost entirely. You should see them when they come to the 'cinema'; everything clean and pressed, the boys with their hair all slicked and the girls with wreaths of fragrant flowers on their heads; it's a pretty sight.

"Food is the least of worries here on BoraBora; it is at everyone's back door for the picking—bananas, breadfruit, papayas, avocados, limes, coconuts, walnuts, oranges, mangoes, pineapples, coffee, sugar cane, vanilla beans, taro roots (like potatoes)—and more—all without lifting a finger to cultivate them—and for meat there are chickens, pigs and fish.

MOONLIGHT AND SOFT GUITARS

"They're musical people too, and produce some of the best harmony I've ever heard. They sing as they walk along the road, in their out-riggers on the lagoon, in the evening as they strum their guitars and ukeleles, and any time you find a group of them together.

"Now for a little of our part in the picture. The hut in which I live is in an area by itself—sort of exclusive, don't you know. It is open and screened at both ends, admitting the fresh sea breeze at all times. Our back porch, which we've extended to make sort of a veranda, is right on the beach, a big coconut tree hangs over it, and there we sit on moonlight nights to talk about things back there at home—and you know what.

AMERICAN SOIL IS JUST AS GOOD

"For recreation—between sieges of "tropical languor"—there are most of the sports we enjoyed back there, baseball, basketball, etc.—but this is hardly the climate for anything quite so strenuous. Swimming, sailing, and paddling around in outrigger canoes is good enough exercise for me. Fishing is good too, for anything from minnows to barracuda and sharks.

"Now don't let these ramblings fool you; this is a beautiful spot and I couldn't ask for anything nicer in this type of duty—but just let me set my feet on home soil again and I'll be content to live out the rest of my natural days. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"—and those are the sentiments of us all."

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